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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER MPEP 708.02 ITEM V:  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

Serial Number: 10/065,683  
Filing Date: September 20, 2002  
Art. Unit: 1741  
Title: Ionic Pre-concentration XRF Detection and Analysis Device, System and Method

Dear Sir:

This is a petition to make special for the above-referenced application, on the grounds that this is an invention for environmental quality under MPEP 708.02 item V. Following is a statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.102 showing how "the invention will materially enhance the quality of the environment."

This invention is used to detect ultra-trace levels of ionic contaminants in aqueous solutions, at the sub-part-per-million level.

One of the most important applications of this invention, is for the detection of arsenic (and other contaminating elements) in drinking water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standard requires arsenic concentrations in drinking water to be below 10 parts per billion. Yet, current technologies require an extremely long period of analysis time in order to detect arsenic in drinking water at this rarified level of precision, as well as complex lab work and high cost.

In contrast, as stated in paragraphs 163 and 164 of this patent application, this invention enables the detection of arsenic at the EPA standard to be completed in under half an hour. This analysis is carried out without complex lab work and at low cost. Paragraphs 129-135 set forth in detail, quantitatively, how this invention is used to detect arsenic levels in drinking water. And, the use of this invention for arsenic detection is discussed throughout the patent application.

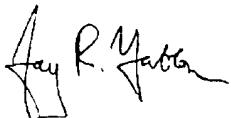
By enabling drinking water to easily be monitored for impurities that are dangerous to environmental quality and to public health, this "invention will materially enhance the quality of the environment."

No fee is required for this petition, under 37 C.F.R. 1.102(c).

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I look forward to receiving a favorable decision on this petition in the near future, and to the accelerated examination of this application.

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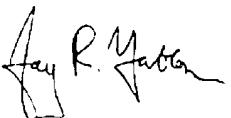
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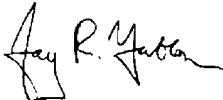
Dear Mr. Nguyen:

As we just discussed a few minutes ago, I attach a copy of a petition to make special for the above-referenced case, which I filed by facsimile earlier this morning to the Group 1700 RightFAX number.

I appreciate you making sure that this is brought to the attention of the appropriate individuals.

Thank you for your assistance.

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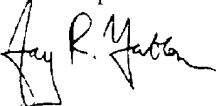


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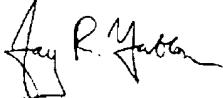
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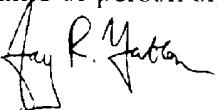


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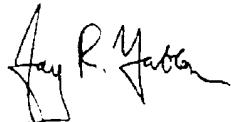
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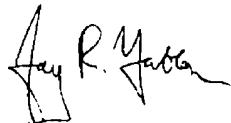
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